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MEETING COPENHAGEN, MARCH 15-16: ENLARGEMENT

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1. IN HIS READOUT TODAY, EC PRESIDENCY CHIEF, JORGEN
BOJER, INFORMED US OF THE PRESENT STATUS AND THINKING
OF THE NINE ON THE POLITICAL COOPERATION IMPLICATIONS
OF THE ENLARGEMENT PROCESS.

2. THE EC WORKING GROUP, WHICH IN THIS CASE, IS THE
CORRESPONDENT'S GROUP WHICH BOJER HIMSELF CHAIRS, IS
STUDYING WAYS BOTH TO PREPARE THE PRESENT EC MEMBERSHIP AND
APPLICANT COUNTRIES FOR SOME OF THE QUESTIONS AND
INEVITABLE DISLOCATIONS THAT WILL EFFECT THE POLITICAL
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COOPERATION PROCESS AS A RESULT OF ENLARGEMENT.

2. THE WORKING GROUP IS LOOKING FIRST OF ALL AT HOW
TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING PROCEDURES OF POLITICAL COOPERA-
TION. ANY IMPROVEMENT REALIZED IN THIS AREA WOULD, OF
COURSE, BE OF DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE BENEFIT TO THE PRESENT
MEMBERSHIP ITSELF.

3. SECONDLY, THEY ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO INFORM THE APPLICANT COUNTRIES, BEFORE THEIR ENTRY, OF THE DETAILS OF THE POLITICAL COOPERATION PROCESS.

4. THIRDLY, THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE STUDYING HOW TO BALANCE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY AS A RESULT OF THE EARLIER ATTAINMENT OF MEMBERSHIP BY GREECE.

5. FINALLY, THE WORKING GROUP IS LOOKING AT A VEHICLE WHICH WOULD IMPRESS ON THE APPLICANT COUNTRIES THAT POLITICAL COOPERATION AUTOMATICALLY GOES WITH MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC. IN OTHER WORDS, THE NINE WANT TO BE SURE THAT THE APPLICANT COUNTRIES UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO WAY OF OPTING OUT OF POLITICAL COOPERATION AND ENJOYING ONLY THE PRESUMED ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP.

6. SINCE THE GREEKS ARE FIRST IN LINE, WITH MEMBERSHIP PROBABLY ATTAINED BY MID-1980 BOJER SAID, THE QUESTION ARISES AS TO WHEN THE NINE SHOULD START TALKING SERIOUSLY WITH THE GREEKS ON POLITICAL COOPERATION BOJER OUTLINED THE FOLLOWING...TIMETABLE: IP(A) PROBABLY AT THE JULY MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINE AND GREECE, THE FORMER WILL UNDERLINE THE POLITICAL COOPERATION SIDE OF THE EC. AT THE SAME TIME THE NINE WILL PROBABLY PRESENT A COMPILATION OF DOCUMENTS WOULD INCLUDE A SELECTION OF BASIC CONFIDENTIAL

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POLICY STATEMENTS MADE BY THE EC JOINTLY, AN EXAMINATION OF THEIR COOPERATION AT THE UN, A DESCRIPTION OF THE POLITICAL COOPERATION MACHINERY, ETC. IP(B) ALSO LATER THIS SUMMER THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WOULD MEET WITH THE POLITICAL DIRECTOR OF THE GREEK MFA, PROBABLY AS A FOLLOW-ON TO A REGULARLY SCHEDULED POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING. THE SAME FORMULA COULD BE APPLIED TO A MEETING OF THE NINE'S FOREIGN MINISTERS ON POLITICAL COOPERATION WITH A FOLLOW-ON MEETING WITH THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER. BOJER ALSO EXPECTS THAT THIS COULD HAPPEN THIS FALL, PERHAPS IN SEPTEMBER.

7. THIS OUTLINE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY BOJER AND DISTRIBUTED THE OTHER CORRESPONDENTS AT THE MARCH 15-16 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING. BOJER HOPES TO HAVE THEIR COMMENTS AND A COMMON POSITION TO PRESENT THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE AT THEIR APRIL 25-26 MEETING HERE. DEAN

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